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Ms. Marianne Horinko
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Dear Ms. Horinko:

I write to express my support for an application submitted by the City of Louisville for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan and Cleanup funds under programs recently established by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act.

Louisville's Brownfields Redevelopment Program has a track record of recycling contaminated sites for safe, productive alternative uses. The Louisville Community Development Bank, the partner chosen for the Revolving Loan Fund project, also has worked to spur economic growth in poverty-stricken neighborhoods, particularly in West Louisville.

It is my understanding that the assessment and cleanup funds will be used to improve a 17-acre abandoned industrial site in Louisville's Park Hill neighborhood, which is part of Louisville's western Enterprise Community. The former Ashland Oil river terminal, the Brinley-Hardy implement makers site, and the old Marine Hospital also will benefit from these funds.

I also understand that Revolving Loan funds will be used by several non-profit organizations to develop an African American Heritage Center, provide housing in a depressed area, and stimulate economic development in one of the oldest areas of Louisville.

I hope you will realize the importance of these funds to Kentucky and give every appropriate consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

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